FRY'S INVESTMENT Lynch, Maryland (mid-18th century)

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST K - 224

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME					
HISTORIC	FRY'S INVESTMENT				
AND/OR COMMON					
2 LOCATION	South side Route 29	$98, 2\frac{1}{4}$ miles			
STREET & NUMBER	northeast of Lynch	•			
CITY, TOWN			1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTR	RICT	
CITY, TOWN	Lynch <u>x</u>	Lynch XX VICINITY OF		Kent	
STATE				COUNTY	
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3 CLASSIFIC	ATION				
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE		
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	X_OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM	
XBUILDING(S)	X_PRIVATE	UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK	
STRUCTURE	ВОТН	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	XPRIVATE RESIDENCE	
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS	
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC	
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION	
		X NO	MILITARY	_OTHER:	
4 OWNER OF	PROPERTY				
NAME					
	C. Fry		Telephone #: 30	01-778-0220	
STREET & NUMBER					
	Box 390				
city, town Chest	ertown	_ VICINITY OF	Maryland 21620	ip code	
5 LOCATION	OF LEGAL DESC	RIPTION	* * 1	···········	
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STREET & NUMBER	Kente Country Cour	- 110430			
CITY, TOWN	Chestertown, Maryland		STATE		
6 REPRESEN	TATION IN EXIST	ING SURVEYS		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
— TITLE Marvlan	d Historical Trust,	Survey of Kent Co	unty		
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DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS M	aryland Historical T	rust, The Shaw Ho	use, 21 State Circle	е	
CITY, TOWN	nnapolis, Maryland	21401	STATE		
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CONDITION

CHECK ONE

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__EXCELLENT __GOOD

X_FAIR

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XORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old house called Fry's Investment is a brick structure which probably dates from the third quarter of the 18th century. No early outbuildings remain and the building is situated in open fields, facing north.

The house is three bays wide and one room deep with a central entry on both long facades. It rests on a basement, and is two stories tall. The steep gable roof has two gable dormers with 6 over 6 sash protruding from each slope; these are later additions. Brick chimneys, each with two flues, are enclosed within each gable wall.

The brick work is a good example of the outstanding craftsmanship of the late 18th century masons. All facades are laid in Flemish bond above the water table and English bond below. The water table itself is beveled. The bricks measure about 9" by 2½" by 4½" and are laid with narrower vertical mortar joints than horizontal joints. The building is currently painted light green, but some glazed headers are visible.

Although the major window openings are in their original locations, they have all been greatly changed. Two over two Victorian sash are used in all windows. Frames are quite narrow and have a ½" bead on the inside; the wooden sills are plain. There are segmental brick arches of headers above the first floor openings. There probably was a plastered panel between the top of the frame and the arch.

The rear doorway has its original segmental arch of alternating two headers and one stretcher, although the door opening has been moved one foot. The north entry has been widened and a pair of Victorian doors with a three pane transom installed. These doors each have two panels and an a large Victorian box lock.

In the west gable end of the building were small windows, 18" X 24", on either side of the chimney. They have segmental arches of headers (probably glazed) and resemble the windows of Lamb's Meadow (K-113) and Caulks Field (K-93). Both of these

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1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	X_ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
X1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
_1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)
		INVENTION		
SPECIFIC DAT	ES 3rd quarter 18th	century BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT	
STATEMENT C	F SIGNIFICANCE			

In spite of its many alterations, this building is an example of an 18th century farmhouse. The masonry is very good and illustrates the decorative use of brick bonding patterns that was favored in the mid to late 18th century houses in this county. In the form and detailing, of the main house, this structure closely resembles Caulk's Field house, a 1743 building near Fairlee.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA	
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION	
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLA	APPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES
STATE COUNTY	
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II FORM PREPARED BY	
NAME/TITLE Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Kent County Planning Commission	778-4600, ext.67
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Court House	STATE
Chestertown, Maryland	·

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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buildings date from the middle of the 18th century, and the windows light closets or stairs flanking the fireplace.

There are two basement windows in each facade and a former basement entry on the east gable has been closed. The present entry is on the south wall. Small attic gable windows have also been bricked in.

Another major change is the three bay front porch with a low hipped roof, square posts and simple scroll-work brackets.

The earlier Maryland Historical Survey states that, "A wing has been recently removed from the east gable and traces of two earlier wings can be seen on that gable." No clear ghosts remain to indicate the shape of these wings, although a cut down portion of the water table implies a lower floor level.

The interior of the house was completely remodeled in the 19th century and no early elements remain. The central hall plan may replace an original hall and parlour plan. The stair is very simple. Interior window and door trim has an applied Greek ogee molding.

Form 10-445 (5/62) 1. STATE Many land

COUNTY Kent

TOWN Stillpand VICINITY

STREET NO.

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PRESENT OWNER

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY K- 224

2. NAME Fry's Investment

DATE OR PERIOD C. 18th Cuntury
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ARCHITECT
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3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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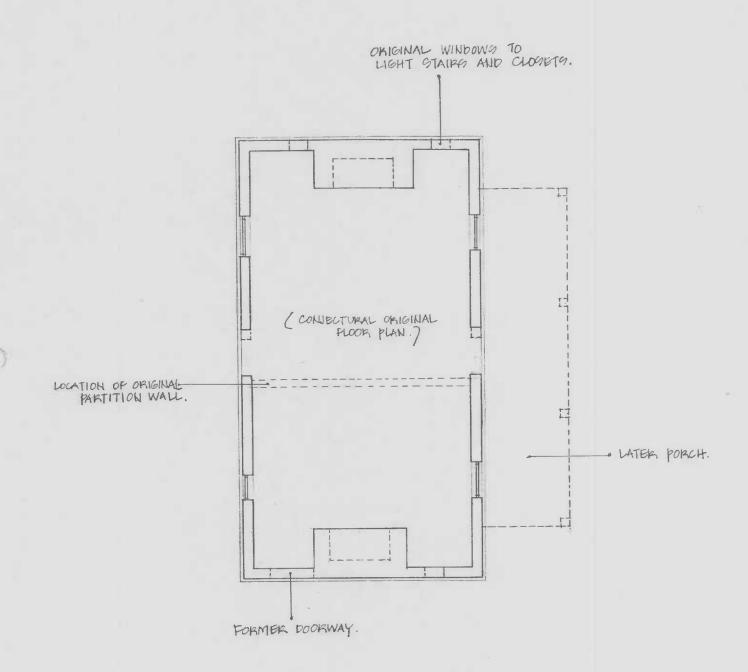
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9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Michael Bourne

DATE OF RECORD Sept 23, 1968

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This house is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story brick building dating from the middle of the 18th Century. All sides are laid in Flenish bond and there is a chamfered watertable and segmental arches above all windows and doors of the 1st story. The bricks of the 1st story appear longer than the second story but no line can be distinguished where the building might have been heightened. The building is 3 bays long with center door having a transom and sidelights. All sash are 2/2 except for the 2 dormers on each side of the roof which have 6/6 sash. There were 2 small windows on the west gable which are now bricked up and one in each attic gable, also bricked up. The basement is laid in English bond and has 2 windows on each facade and a bricked-up area on the east gable. Probably was the entrance to the basement at one time, which is now on the south facade. The door of the south facade has been moved to the east about a foot off center and the window has been made narrower by about two or three inches. The entire structure is painted yellow. A wing has been recently removed from the east gable and traces of two earlier wings can be seen on that gable.



FRY'S INVESTMENT (K-224) LYNCH, MD. SCALE: 10" = 10"

FRY'S INVESTMENT Lynch, Maryland

Land Records of Kent County		Transaction
EHP 58 449		Lorraine & Edwin C. Fry Lorraine & Edwin C. Fry May 28, 1974
		235 + acres
EHP 24 210		Lorraine & Edwin C. Fry Elroy & Laura Boyer October 2, 1967
EHP 15 427	TO: FROM: DATE:	Elroy & Laura Boyer Myra K. Roseberry January 7, 1966
		Parcel # 1
JTD 6 536		Samuel Roseberry Jacob H. Dewes August 1, 1902
	from E	Samuel died in 1928 leaving the property widow (Wills Liber SGC1/305, Kent Co.) Jacob Highley Dewes inherited the property lizabeth Highley by Will dated February 14, Wills Liber TRS1/124, Kent Co.)
SB 4 327	TO: FROM: DATE:	Elizabeth B. Highley, of Montgomery Co., Pa. Mary E.R. Moffett, Executrix of John F. & Mary E.R. Moffett, of Baltimore June 12, 1883
		248 + acres, sold for \$14,147.75
DCB 2 277	TO: FROM: DATE:	John F. Moffett James A. Pearce, trustee for August 25, 1876
		For \$9,817.00, 270 acres.

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Land Records of Kent County

JNG 11 659

JNG 3 648

JNG 3 608

JNG 1 70 Transaction

TO: James B. Ayres, Newark, Del.

FROM: Richard & Mary Semans DATE: February 12, 1848

251 acres for \$4,500, one of two tracts purchased.

TO: Richard Semans

FROM: Joseph & Elizabeth Howard

DATE: May 19, 1835

For \$2,800 called the Corse Farm

TO: Joseph Howard

FROM: Lewin Wethered, trustee of John Wethered

DATE: November 24, 1834

For \$2,397.00 239 acres.

TO: Lewin Wethered

FROM: Czekial F. Chambers, trustee

DATE: September 1, 1827

In 1824 E. Chambers appointed trustee for the sale of the real estate of Unit Angier to settle Angier's debts. He sold the farm on July 25, 1825 to Peregrine Wethered, (trustee for the estate of John Wethered who died in 1820), for \$2,397.09 for 239 acres. By the time the deed was executed, John W. had died. Excepted from the sale was a 12' road and the Home Farm or Mansion farm of Unit Angier

TO: Unit Angier

FROM: DATE:

Angier was a large land owner.





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